

**Lesson
4****Organizations and Other Subjects****Teaching**

Use capital letters for the following:

- all important words in names of organizations, institutions, stores, and companies
Franklin Historical Association Danville Middle School
- the abbreviations of organizations, businesses, and institutions by using the initial letters of the complete name (Notice that these abbreviations do not usually take periods.)
ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)
- names of historical events, periods, and documents
Spanish-American War Middle Ages U.S. Constitution
- the abbreviations B.C., A.D., A.M. and P.M.
- names of months, days, and holidays but not the names of seasons except when used as part of a festival or celebration
Tuesday, May 5 Memorial Day Fall Concert
- names of school subjects only when they refer to language courses, when the subject is followed by a course number, or when it contains a proper adjective (Capitalize the word *freshman*, *sophomore*, *junior*, or *senior* when it is used as a proper noun.)
English Chemistry II Senior Awards Ceremony
- names of special events and awards
Pumpkin Festival Pulitzer Prize
- brand names of products but not a common noun that follows a brand name
Sleepytime slippers

Identifying Correct Capitalization

Underline the words or letters that should be capitalized in each of the following sentences.

1. The lee high school senior class is preparing a time capsule to be buried on new year's day.
2. The winter festival celebration is being organized by the senior class council.
3. The time capsule burial will be sponsored by super grocer's mart.
4. The history class is donating a newspaper about the end of the cold war.
5. The french class suggests adding an audio tape with their voices recorded on it.
6. Should we add items related to radio or TV, such as articles about npr or the bbc?
7. Maybe we'll add popular products such as flower shampoo and chocofun cereal.
8. One freshman will be selected to sing the lee high's school song when the ceremony begins on january 1 at 9:30 a.m.
9. Perhaps the time capsule will stay buried until 3000 a.d. or later.

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More Practice

A. Capitalizing Names of Organizations and Other Subjects

Underline each letter that should be capitalized in the following sentences.

1. The battle of waterloo was fought on june 18, 1815.
2. The spring concert will take place on april 16.
3. My sister will enroll at the university of california at davis in the fall.
4. Volunteers from the variety club gave presents to the children.
5. During the middle ages, plagues caused many deaths.
6. Doctor Paglia performs surgery at northwestern memorial hospital.
7. Don't forget to buy me a wonder marker to use for my poster display.
8. The first ten amendments to the constitution are called the bill of rights.
9. Do you know when the treaty of versailles was signed?
10. I hope to be placed in the honors english class and algebra 2 next year.

B. Capitalizing Correctly

Rewrite every sentence that contains a capitalization error. If a sentence is capitalized correctly, write **Correct** on the line.

1. The actress on this television show deserves an award for her work.

2. somerville plastics company is known as spc.

3. Representatives of 50 nations met in 1945 to draft the united nations charter.

4. My grandparents flew to Florida on sunshine airlines.

5. The senior class will choose five seniors to receive special awards.

6. For halloween, my art class always enters the Midville pumpkin decorating contest.

7. Mount Vesuvius erupted in a.d. 79, completely burying a thriving city.

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Jackson Middle School has been working on creating a time capsule. For the past few weeks, students and faculty have been suggesting what to include in it. Read the following speech given at the final ceremony before they bury the capsule. Draw three lines under any letters that should be capitalized but are not.

EXAMPLE Welcome to this year's time capsule burial ceremony.

Jackson middle school is thrilled to see so many people here this memorial day. Our school has worked tirelessly with students, faculty, and the sga to choose the items to go into our capsule. The capsule now contains current newspapers, CDs, and photographs of the school, as well as the popular shannon's trading cards and lifestep shoes. We heartily thank the fine folks at shane's place for donating some current clothing items, namely jeans, sneakers, and dresses, to be included in the capsule. We have also included the essay written by the winner of the jackson literature award, Shania Byfield. Shania wrote her predictions for the world in a.d. 2100, when the capsule will be opened. Okay, digmaster construction company, start the digging!

B. Using Capitalization in Writing

Write sentences that combine names from any two categories listed below. First tell the categories you have chosen. Then write your sentence.

organizations	institutions	stores	companies	historical events
historical periods	documents	days	months	holidays
events	awards	brand names	time abbreviations	

EXAMPLE I am combining *documents and historical periods*.
The treaty of Versailles ended World War I.

1. I am combining _____ and _____.

Sentence: _____

2. I am combining _____ and _____.

Sentence: _____

3. I am combining _____ and _____.

Sentence: _____

4. I am combining _____ and _____.

Sentence: _____

5. I am combining _____ and _____.

Sentence: _____